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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	LP-02-021
First Inventor	Clifton Miller
Title	See Appendix I
Express Mail Label No.	EL994387055US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

## ADDRESS TO:

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 15]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets \_\_\_\_\_]  
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ Paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent
17. ☒ Other: See Appendix I

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior application information:

Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

## 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1050.00

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	To be assigned
Filing Date	April 7, 2004
First Named Inventor	Clifton Miller
Examiner Name	To be assigned
Art Unit	To be assigned
Attorney Docket No.	LP-02-021

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	385
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 385

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	17	-20** =	0	x	Fee from below	9	=	0
Independent Claims	2	-3** =	0	x	43	=	0	
Multiple Dependent								

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$665
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	


Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 665

**SUBMITTED BY**

(Complete if applicable)

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

LP-02-021

First named inventor: Clifton Miller

Application No.: To be assigned

Art Unit: To be assigned

Filed: April 7, 2004

Examiner: To be assigned

Title: A Paint Sealer for Use  
Within Paint Cans

Attention: Office of Petitions

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**☒ Small entity-fee \$ 665 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))**2. Reply and/or fee**A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
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### 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE. The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

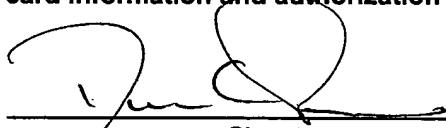
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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☐ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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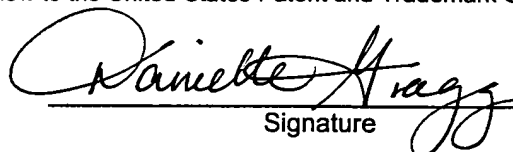
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Danielle Gragg

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
)  
**CLIFTON MILLER** )  
)  
FOR: **A Paint Sealer for Use Within** )  
**Paint Cans** )  
)  
SERIAL NO: **to be assigned** )  
)  
FILED: **April 7, 2004** )  
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ART UNIT NO: **to be assigned** )  
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EXAMINER: **to be assigned** )  
)  
Attorney Docket No: **LP-02-021** )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Statement of Unintentional Delay**  
**Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.137(b)**

Dear Sir:

On June 4, 2002, PCT Application No. PCT/AU02/00709 was duly filed. A copy of the noted PCT Application is enclosed herewith.

In the months preceding the 30-month national filing deadline, Applicant, C. Miller, was exploring commercial opportunities in Europe and the U.S. Since the 30-month deadline was approaching fast, our Associate in Australia, LesicarPerrin, advised Mr. Miller that an option he should consider was to withdraw priority and, since the invention was not prior used or published, the only downside to withdrawing priority was the loss of the priority date. Mr. Miller agreed with the suggested course of action and on Friday, December 5, 2003 instructed LesicarPerrin to withdraw priority; the 30-month deadline being on **Saturday**, December 6,

2003. On **Monday, December 8, 2003**, Dr. Drazen Lesicar of LesicarPerrin instructed his staff to withdraw priority. Unknown to Dr. Lesicar, after he signed the request to withdraw priority letter, the letter was sent by one of his junior associates through normal post rather than being fax or couriered. The request to withdraw letter was thus received at the AU Patent Office on December 9, 2003. Unlike U.S. practice, in Australia, the date of receipt of a document is not the date that is posted, but rather the date that it is actually received by the AU Patent Office.

Dr. Lesicar was thus surprised to receive the notice from the International Bureau that the withdrawal of priority had been accorded a **December 9, 2003** effective date. The withdrawal of priority was thus ineffective. This notice was received in late January.

Promptly upon receipt of the notice from the International Bureau, Dr. Lesicar wrote to the Bureau advising them of the mistake. In response, the International Bureau advised Dr. Lesicar that the December 9, 2003 date was provided by AU Receiving Office.

Dr. Lesicar then contacted the AU Patent Office and spoke directly to the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner advised Dr. Lesicar that unfortunately the wording of Article 48 makes it clear that once the 30-month date passes, the local receiving office has no authority to grant extra time to act and only individual national offices have the authority to grant additional time to commence national phase prosecution in their respective countries.

In the interim, an Associate in Germany was able to withdraw the request to withdraw priority letter. Priority has thus been effectively restored.


Shortly thereafter, our office was advised of the unintentional error in withdrawing priority and instructed to seek revival of the noted PCT Application and file a national phase Application in the U.S.

Applicant accordingly respectfully submits that the delay in filing the above referenced national phase application was unintentional and respectfully requests that the priority PCT Application be revived.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Acct No. 06-1838.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francis Law Group

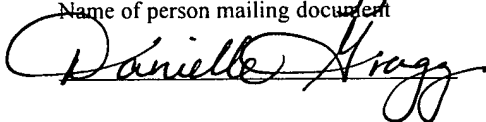
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## APPENDIX I

**Title:** A Paint Sealer for Use within Paint Cans

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

Petition for Revival Under 37 C.F.R 1.137(b)

Statement of Unintentional Delay

International Search Report